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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential sales increased in July of 1985 compared to last year, while commercial and industrial sales decreased for the same period. Total utility sales were down from 800.8 trillion Btu in July 1984 to 745.4 trillion Btu in July 1985.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	July			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1985	1984	% Change[1]	1985	% Change Last Period	1985 Forecast[2]	1984[P]	% Change
Residential	128.1	127.5	+ 0.5	3,048.4	- 4.9	4,501.6	4,628.3	- 2.7
Commercial	85.6	86.6	- 1.2	1,508.1	- 4.9	2,320.6	2,396.0	- 3.1
Industrial	525.3	579.8	- 9.4	3,560.4	- 5.4	6,120.7	5,991.0	+ 2.2
Other	6.4	6.9	-	91.8	- -	143.9	146.4	-
Total Sales	745.4	800.8	- 6.9	8,208.7	- 5.1	13,086.8	13,161.7	- .6
Transportation	147.1	99.1	+ 48.4	968.8	+ 59.2	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	892.5	899.9	- 0.8	9.177.5	- 0.9	N/A	N/A	

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

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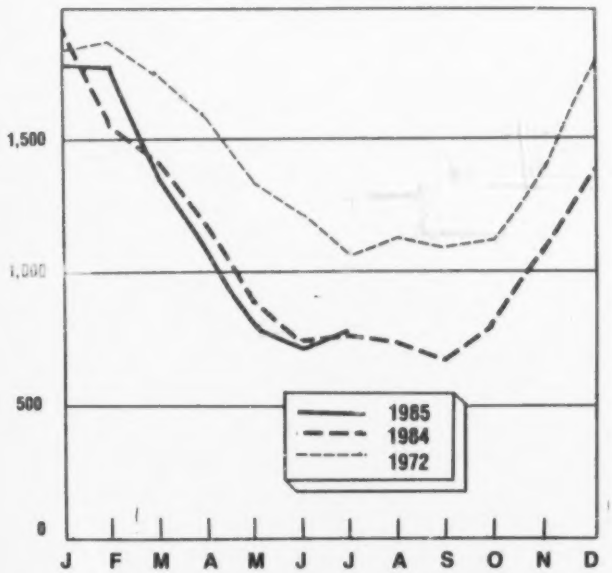
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES

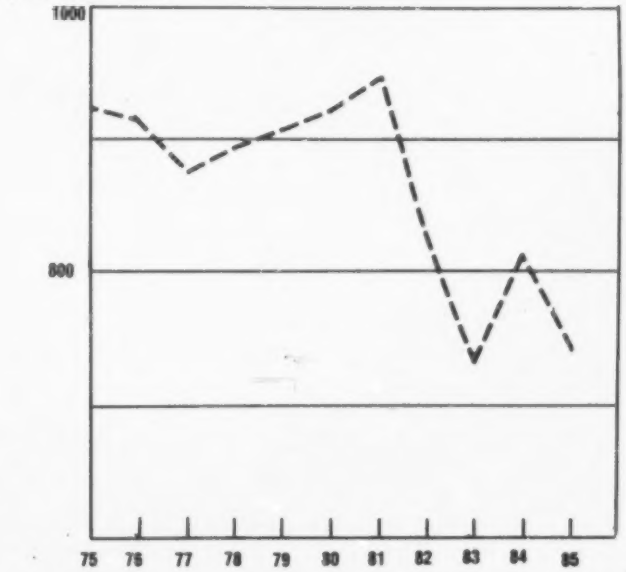
(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES

Sales - — — -
(Trillions of Btu)



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - JULY
(Thousands of Units)

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Domestic Range			
Gas	109.4	120.8	- 9.4
Electric	261.3	266.9	- 2.1
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	62.4	56.3	+ 10.8
Electric	235.4	226.3	+ 4.0
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	127.6	135.4	- 5.1
Electric	32.7	33.4	- 2.3
Oil	9.8	7.2	+ 36.4
Boilers			
Gas	12.8	8.7	+ 47.5
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 28.6
Oil	8.0	5.1	+ 57.4

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - JULY

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	159.6	162.1	- 1.5
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	592.8	589.7	+ 0.5
Electricity	378.5	368.7	+ 2.7
Fuel Oil	604.9	646.2	- 6.4

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	70.6	75.8	- 6.9
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.83	6.86	- 0.4
Commercial	5.48	5.68	- 3.5
Industrial	3.87	4.19	- 7.6
Total	4.57	4.78	- 4.4
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	147.1	99.1	+ 48.4
For Ultimate Consumers	73.3	59.8	+ 22.6
For Resale	392.1	256.1	+ 53.1
Total	612.5	415.0	+ 47.6

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Jul.P	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.P	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.P	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.P	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.P	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747
	Dec.P	5.054	5.880	5.500	4.293	4.758
1985	Jan.P	5.057	5.915	5.517	4.285	4.746
	Feb.P	5.058	5.901	5.507	4.281	4.723
	Mar.P	5.058	5.918	5.513	4.275	4.693
	Apr.P	5.062	5.933	5.533	4.275	4.649
	May P	5.059	5.941	5.532	4.265	4.623
	Jun.P	5.057	5.944	5.528	4.253	4.608
	Jul.P	5.046	5.943	5.521	4.226	4.588

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AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1983	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.P	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.P	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.P	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.P	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May P	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.P	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.P	4.78	6.86	5.58	4.19
	Aug.P	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.P	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.P	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.P	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41
	Dec.P	5.23	5.82	5.61	4.35
1985	Jan.P	5.16	5.70	5.51	4.23
	Feb.P	5.08	5.57	5.34	4.20
	Mar.P	5.10	5.77	5.51	4.21
	Apr.P	5.12	5.90	5.67	4.30
	May P	5.00	6.34	5.57	4.15
	Jun.P	4.91	6.80	5.67	4.09
	Jul.P	4.57	6.83	5.48	3.87

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[2]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data with the remaining months of 1985 heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.